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After review of our file, it was noted that we do not receive our PTO-1449 initialed by Examiner. We would appreciate receiving this document as soon as possible.

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PLURALITY OF SELLERS IN A BUYER DRIVEN ELECTRONIC COMMERCE
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- (2) Form PTO-1449 (1 page);
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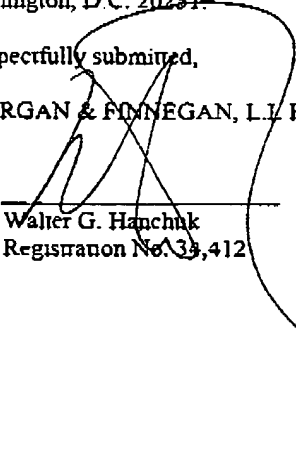
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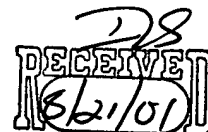
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For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR ALLOCATING BUSINESS TO ONE OF A PLURALITY OF
SELLERS IN A BUYER DRIVEN ELECTRONIC COMMERCE SYSTEM**Official****INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This Information Disclosure Statement is filed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§1.56, 1.97 and 1.98. The items listed on Form PTO-1449, a copy of which is enclosed, are made of record to assist the Patent and Trademark Office in its examination of this application. The Examiner is respectfully requested to fully consider the items and to independently ascertain their teaching.

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